

Road to 2nd Narrows

Douglas Street Road; Douglas Road; Burrard Inlet Road; The Mail Road; New Westminster and Hastings (Stage) Road; Hastings Road; Extension of Douglas Street Wagon Road; Road to Lumber Mills on Burrard Inlet; Brighton Road .

The many synonyms for this road suggest it was well used. It began as a straight-line extension of Douglas (Eighth) Street in New Westminster, reaching mile 5, between Burnaby and Deer Lakes in 1861. It finally reached Burrard Inlet at the townsite of Hastings in 1865. One contract allowed “the contractor to be at liberty to wind the road to avoid marshy places or large trees . In 1875/76 it was extended west along the south shore of Burrard Inlet to Granville townsite.

The “Road to 2nd Narrows” survives largely intact as far west as Vancouver City limits (Boundary Road). Beyond this, it is swallowed by the Procrustean grid of city streets.

In New Westminster, Douglas Street is now Eighth and its extension northwest into Burnaby has become Canada Way. Then as Douglas Road, the route splits from Canada Way and crosses the central valley of Burnaby (Still Creek). It joins the Lougheed Highway for a while, then follows the sidehill northwest, round to Boundary Road.